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Application No.: 10/817,133

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For: PROXIMITY MENISCUS MANIFOLD

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a corrected Filing Receipt that sets forth the correct filing date for the above-identified application. As explained below, the correct filing date for this application is **April 1, 2004**, and not April 2, 2004 as set forth on the Filing Receipt.

In support of this request, Applicant is attaching the following papers: (1) a copy of the official Filing Receipt received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) for this application with the disputed date of filing (April 2, 2004) changed to April 1, 2004; (2) a copy of the Express Mail receipt showing the date of mailing as April 1, 2004 (note that the "Date In" box is marked "4-1-04"); (3) a copy of the signed Certificate of Express Mailing certifying that the date of mailing was April 1, 2004; and (4) a copy of the stamped postcard returned by the PTO with the incorrect filing date of April 2, 2004 indicated thereon. As the Filing Receipt issued by the PTO does not reflect the proper date of filing under 37 CFR § 1.10, Applicant respectfully requests (1) that the application be accorded the correct filing date of **April 1, 2004**, as shown in the "Date In" box of the Express Mail receipt, and (2) that a corrected Filing Receipt that lists the filing date as April 1, 2004 be issued.

As Applicant did not cause this error, Applicant respectfully requests that any fees related to this request be waived. Nevertheless, in the event it is determined that any fees are due in connection with the filing of this request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P475).

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This application is a CIP of 10/261,839 09/30/2002

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
Carl Woods, Michael G.R. Smith, John Parks, James P. Garcia and John M. de Larios

For: PROXIMITY MENISCUS MANIFOLD

This application is a ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☒ Continuation-in-part  
of prior Application No.: 10/261,839, filed September 30, 2002 from which priority under 35 U.S.C.  
§120 is claimed; and

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ 31 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ 11 Sheets of Informal Drawings
- ☒ 02 Pages of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
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**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- ☒ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ Combined Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Establishing Right of Assignee to Take Action  
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Title: **PROXIMITY MENISCUS MANIFOLD**

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